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Sleeping on

Putting a familiar face on the problem of homelessness

by Jen Batog
Assignment Editor



"It's not that a person wants to be homeless," 38-year-old John Hart says. "I never thought that

I would be a homeless person, and this I did not want."

Hart has been homeless for three years, but he says before he became homeless he had a job and a family — a normal life.

According to Gail Hutchings, a research specialist at the National Resource Center on Homelessness and Mental Illness, there are an estimated 600,000 homeless people in the United States, one quarter of whom are children. Mike Mayer, program director at the National Alliance to End Homelessness, says one-half of the homeless have substance abuse problems.

Hart is one of them. He says he lost his job after he got involved with drugs. When he became homeless, things got worse. "I felt sorry for myself, I had no self esteem, (I was) drugging and drinking . . . each day brought a new problem by my drinking." Hart spends his time now at various shelters around the city.

Mayer says about 200,000 of America's homeless suffer from mental illness and according to Gunther Stern, director of the Georgetown Ministry, mild retardation or lack of simple skills prevents them from obtaining and keeping a job. "I know that most of the people I work with are not really capable of getting a job. I think that is the case



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A homeless man sits alone in the park across from the 2000 Penn complex.

with the vast majority," he says.

Dede Gerachis, 55, is a homeless man who graduated from GW. He says an abundance of time is a homeless person's biggest enemy. "You wake up not having anything to do . . . there's no concentration of time and all you have out here is time and it's being wasted," Hart concurs.

Gerachis says he is one of the most fortunate street people in the world because he refuses to panhandle and he continuously tries to find work.

Hart admits to panhandling occasionally, but not often. He says he is uncertain of the reaction he may get and therefore limits his requests. When he does get money from people on the street he uses it to buy food.

Gerachis says street people are vulnerable to everything. "You're an untouchable. People will see you and cross the street, they'll turn their

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Skinner to address spring '92 graduates

by Deborah Solomon
News Editor

White House Chief of Staff Samuel K. Skinner will address the 1992 graduates and receive an honorary degree at the unified commencement ceremony May 10 on the Ellipse between the White House and the Washington Monument.

Skinner, formerly secretary of transportation, was selected "because he plays a significant role in the life of the country and the making of decisions that are going to impact on graduates . . . as they leave the campus and pursue their affairs," GW President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg said.

Three other individuals who "are role models, have had a career in distinguished public service or have used their education to its full potential," will receive honorary degrees at the convocation as well, University Marshal Jill Kasle said.

President Emeritus of the United Negro College Fund Christopher Edley, Sr., will receive an honorary degree for raising more than \$500 million for UNCF and because of his commitment to making education possible, Trachtenberg said.

Robert C. Maynard, editor and publisher of The Oakland Tribune, will receive a Doctor of Humane Letters at the ceremony for his work as "a significant player in the media (and) someone who has worked his way up," Trachtenberg said.

The Doctor of Fine Arts degree will be bestowed upon Helen Frankenthaler. She is an acclaimed artist known for her abstract expressionist paintings.

On May 29, David Kessler, commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration, will address graduates of GW's medical school. U.S. Attorney General William Barr, who earned a jurist doctorate from the National Law Center, will address NLC graduates May 31.

Trachtenberg and Kasle both said they are pleased with the "balance" of speakers. Kasle said she thinks it is "fitting" for Skinner to receive an award at the Ellipse ceremony.

"We selected Sam Skinner because we decided we wanted an Ellipse-quality speaker, someone who had a breadth of experience. In the shadows of the president and (Skinner's) staff, he will be getting an honorary degree in his backyard," Kasle said.

Suspect in professor's murder holds up bank

by Jen Batog
Assignment Editor

The man police consider a major link in the Feb. 24 murder of GW psychology professor Shahin Hashtroudi has robbed another bank using a stolen car, according to Montgomery County Police spokeswoman Ann Evans.

Evans said the man suspected of the crime has used the same method in the four bank robberies he is suspected of committing. He steals a car at gun point, uses the car as transportation to and from the banks and then discards the stolen vehicles. Evans added the car used in the robbery, which took place April 10 in Bethesda, Md., has not been recovered.

In addition to Hashtroudi's murder, the man is suspected of shooting another

victim who was not fatally wounded, Evans said.

She also said police are not certain if the suspected bank robber is Hashtroudi's murderer, but the recent bank robberies make him more of a suspect. "We'd be hesitant to say he is the killer, although it certainly looks that way . . . we know he has a gun and he has shot before," she said.

Evans said police are investigating how the man obtained Hashtroudi's car — used in a bank robbery in Fairfax, Va. March 5. "(The suspect) has information that will either lead to the arrest of the murderer, or point the finger back at him," she said.

Police describe the suspect as a white male, 35 to 45 years of age, 5-10 to 6-2, with an average build.

Religion Week promotes unity

by Maren Feltz
Hatchet Staff Writer

"Many Faiths, One Community," the theme for Program Board's Religion Week, encompasses events designed to address controversial religious issues and introduce people to different religions, according to Paul Lee, PB's Multicultural Affairs Committee chair.

Lee said the idea for Religion Week was generated by similar programs at other universities. "It seemed like we'd never had this (kind of program) here before," Lee said. Multicultural programming in the past has addressed racial and cultural differences, "but we've never really touched on religion," he added.

Despite that Religion Week comes on the heels of two previous week-long PB observances, AIDS Awareness Week and International Week, Lee said the response has been very positive. "I knew it was going to be exhausting," he said, "but a lot of people showed up (for Tuesday's panel discussion). People had a lot of questions." Lee said he thought the timing was especially appropriate since it coincides with this week's religious celebrations. "People are thinking in religious terms right now with Easter and Passover," he said.

The events for Religion Week, which include a Buddhist speaker, a Muslim film entitled *The Message*, a speech on the Bible and homosexuality, a panel discussion featuring representatives from several different religions and the controversial film *The Last Temptation of Christ*, have been met with positive responses from most religious student groups on campus.

"It is certainly good to have a dialogue going on between the different faiths," Jon Schmidt, a member of the Interservice Christian Fellowship leadership team, said.

Hillel President Matt Grossman agreed, saying, "I think it's very good timing. It's a wonderful educational opportunity to inform the campus."

Most leaders of religious student groups said they feel there is very little antagonism on campus between the different groups, even with differing religious beliefs. Judy Rodenstein, associate director at Hillel, said she saw "very few conflicts between religious groups" on campus. "There's a good network," Rodenstein said, citing the Board of Chaplains, which includes representatives from most of the major

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Doc Hobbs ends era of teaching

Prof retires to pursue research 33 years after joining GW

by Scott Jared
Hatchet Staff Writer

A University teaching legend, astronomy professor Herman Hedberg Hobbs, will retire from the classroom following this semester, concluding a GW professorial career that spanned 33 years and involved teaching approximately 15,000 students.

Hobbs, 65, will be at GW next year doing research, but will teach his final classes this semester. He said retiring will be hard for him. "I feel wiped out that this is my last year teaching but I've decided I have to use what energy I've got left to finish this research," he said.

The extent of Hobbs' regret at leaving the classroom is evident as he explains why he has kept at it for so long. "I love astro. I've many times said that if I wasn't teaching I'd be out on the street trying to pay somebody to listen to me," he said. "It seems like I've got the game beat. Every year 400 new people come in, sit down and listen to me talk."

H-cubed, as his students know him, is perhaps best known for his annual year-end astronomy sing-along in which he strums the guitar and leads the class in a musical astronomy review. Hobbs broke tradition this year, however, singing the wrap-up last week so as to avoid a difficult, sentimental last class.

The song started about 20 years ago when Hobbs said he felt like he needed something extra to keep his students excited about astronomy. He first performed it as a one-time thing for a class he felt deserved something special but it was so popular other students insisted he do it for them also.

Hobbs has spent almost all of his academic career at GW. He enrolled as a student after being discharged from the U.S. Army Air Corps at the end of World War II and earned his bachelor's degree from GW in 1953. He continued on, attaining a master's in 1955. After a five-year break to earn a doctorate at the University of Virginia, Hobbs returned to his alma mater to teach full-time.

Hobbs said he was most proud of beginning the Physics 9 and 10 astronomy classes after students requested it

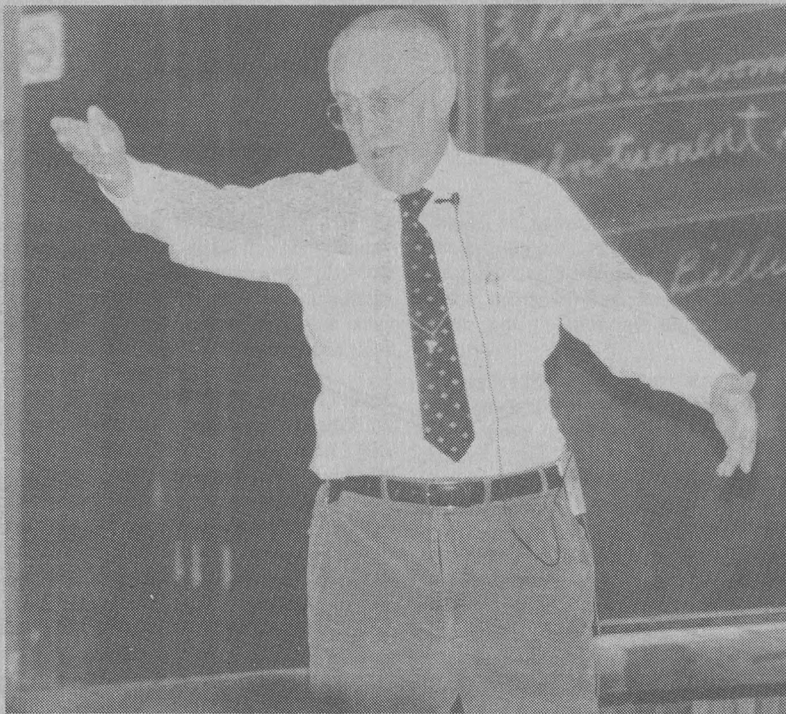


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DOC HOBBS EXPLAINS a thing or two about astronomy to his Physics 10 students last week. Hobbs is leaving GW after 33 years of teaching.

about 20 years ago. "I had taught just about everything in this department and I was the department chairman when a little group of plaintive students came and asked me why we didn't have an astro course here," he recounted. "Maryland had one, Georgetown had one, everyone had one. I said 'Well, if you want that, that satisfies the science requirement, it's gotten rave reviews other places, we'll put it in.'"

Hobbs said he then petitioned the faculty and administration to implement the program and since he was the only staff member with an interest in astronomy, he began teaching the course. Although he had intended for the course to rotate between professors, he became attached to it.

Over the years, Hobbs said the University has become less of a community. "To me, its getting less personal, more corporate, less of a

family. I'm talking about the way the University runs. I've been trying to keep it personal right there in that class," Hobbs said. "I try to make it feel like family in there. The University as a whole is getting bigger, vaster and more corporate, whatever that means. We're going to have to change the name of the president to the C.E.O. one of these days."

After years of interaction with students, Hobbs departs with a few words of advice. "A lot of students feel like the main thing is just getting a degree, but I think the world is getting so competitive that it's going to get even more serious," he said. "You should learn everything in sight and have some versatility because things are going to get a lot worse before they get better."

Hobbs said he would like to write some fiction and do some lecturing after he finishes at GW.

NOMINATIONS REQUESTED

All members of the University Community are invited to submit nominations for graduation speakers and honorary degree recipients for the Winter and Spring Commencements for 1993. In general, nominees should demonstrate outstanding achievement in one or more of the following categories:

- * Superior intellectual accomplishments or scholarly work;
- * Outstanding contributions in the public or private sector;
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Nominations must be received in the Office of the University Marshal (Monroe Hall 302) no later than MONDAY, APRIL 20, 1992, and must include relevant biographical data for the nominees as well as the name and phone number of the nominator.

If you have questions or would like more information about the process of nominating and confirming graduation speakers and honorary degree recipients, please call the Office of the University Marshal at (202) 994-8213.

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EDITORIALS

Student services

GW President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg's New Year's resolution, expressed in a letter sent to all faculty and staff, was to "improve the quality of services we provide for our students, our faculty, our alumni and anyone else we run into during the working day." It is a welcome change for the University to focus attention on matters affecting students, instead of on students who aren't here yet or on changes in the campus' physical appearance. The University has acknowledged and responded to needs for improvement. It takes more than just kind words and bright smiles, however, for student services to be truly useful for students, and nearly four months after President Trachtenberg's letter, things appear to have changed a bit for the better in the realm of student services.

It is difficult to tell if employees are being any friendlier or less belligerent. But it is a worthwhile effort to encourage a courteous demeanor from employees because their job is to help students solve their troubles with everything from housing to financial aid. The financial aid office has made considerable efforts to make itself more efficient and more accessible to students. This kind of change is practical and makes life considerably easier for students.

The BANNER computer system will allow University departments to swap information in an attempt to decrease students' often-encountered runaround. It, however, is not fully implemented yet and still needs to have some kinks worked out of it.

Business classrooms are being renovated to specifically meet the needs of students who frequently have case presentations. This brings the classroom one step closer to the real world, and is representative of sensible changes that make the facilities more useful for students.

Despite all this, even Vice President for Academic and Student Support Services Robert Chernak admits that President Trachtenberg does not have a "magic wand" that can make things better all of a sudden. In fact, Trachtenberg would do the University a service if he continued to follow his own advice and make an effort to be more forthright with students before he tells staff and faculty to do the same. We know he is making an effort, but he, too, has a ways to go.

Overall, these approaches to internal University operations can only help decrease bureaucracy and improve student relations with the University. These are sensible changes that will let both students and administrators focus more time and energy on educational purposes instead of on bureaucratic ones.

Top of the class

For years, students at GW have been pressing the University to hold a unified commencement ceremony on the Ellipse. At the same time, year after year, students complain about the lack of quality graduation speakers. We argue that if Emory University outside of Atlanta, Ga. can get Mikhail Gorbachev to speak at its commencement this year, why can't GW, in the heart of Washington, D.C., draw a big name for its graduation? This year, at long last, the University has responded to both of these gripes with a joint undergraduate commencement ceremony on the Ellipse between the White House and the Washington Monument, featuring White House Chief of Staff Samuel Skinner.

Skinner's speaking engagement is particularly appropriate in light of many GW students' political interests and aspirations. GW's most valuable characteristic, as almost anyone in attendance here will tell you, is its location in the heart of Washington, D.C. Students come to this school largely because of its outside opportunities, particularly those on Capitol Hill and in other areas of government. The administration has done itself, its students and its reputation a credit by enlisting Skinner to deliver the commencement address.

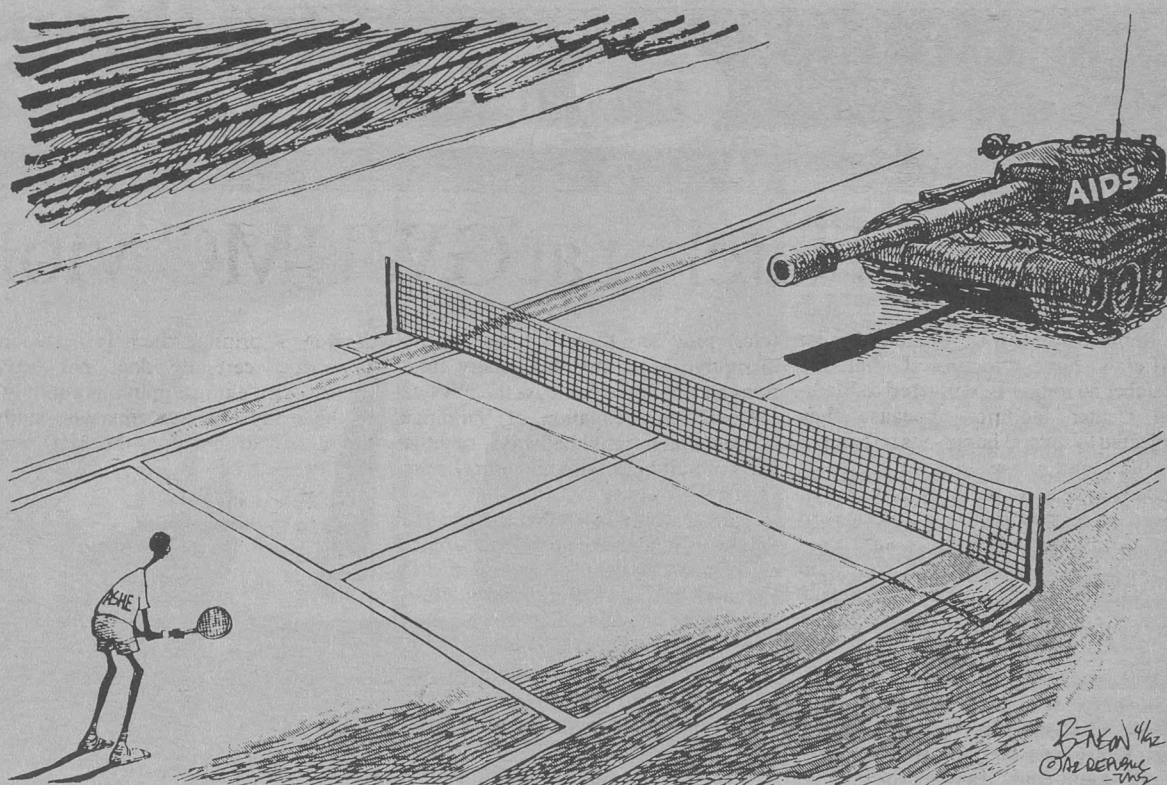
It also seems particularly fitting that for the first time in years graduation will be held on the Ellipse and a high-ranking official — albeit not President Bush — from across the street at the White House will be speaking. In doing so, the University has ossified its ties with the city. Here's hoping such quality becomes tradition, not aberration.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

No gay Boy Scouts

Boy Scouts of America has made a prudent decision in excluding homosexuals from its leadership. Children should not have to struggle with issues like homosexuality in an intimidating environment before they are mature enough to deal with such issues. It is not "impudent and ignorant," as stated in the April 13 GW Hatchet editorial ("The scout's law"), to want to protect children from stigma and fear. Children raised by homosexual parents are the object of ridicule by other children and even by some adults. It is unfair that they be subjected to this. This same problem is present for children with homosexual teachers, coaches and Boy Scout troop leaders. Regardless of how one feels about adults' rights to practice certain sexual behaviors, young children should not be obligated to suffer ridicule because of adults' choices. To force young children to struggle with the consequences of this lifestyle because of a homosexual parent, teacher, coach or troop leader is to give them a cruel shove into a world for which they are unready.

Children don't understand sexual behavior. To children, homosexuality in particular is a frightening and unnatural concept. Children simply don't have the maturity to understand this lifestyle. Because of this, being forced to have a homosexual troop leader creates an intimidating environment for children.

The decision of BSA to exclude homosexuals from the ranks of its troop leaders does not reflect hatred toward homosexuals. Instead, it indicates a desire to protect children from homophobic ridicule, fear of an alien lifestyle and ethical decisions of an adult nature.

Jennifer Komeda
Kathy Wittes

L.A.P.D. out of line

I was hoping to save writing this article until the verdict was reached, but Michael Wilson's article ("L.A. cops

justified in beating King," The GW Hatchet, April 13)) has ignited logical, truthful and honest minds to respond. Facts are central issues to any case. The L.A. district attorney's office found enough reason to indict four officers for brutally beating Rodney Glen King. Michael Wilson has disregarded salient facts regarding the case and has (not cleverly) construed other facts. A note for Wilson: 1. George Bush commented that what he viewed "was beyond explanation . . . absolutely no excuse . . . I was disgusted . . ." 2. L.A. Police Chief Darryl Gates called the incident an "aberration . . . they were clearly out of control." These quotes are offered because Michael Wilson is more likely to give preference to officials he supports (or idolizes).

Other logical and reasonable minds have responded to the travesty of justice Rodney King suffered last year. I have been following the court proceedings and have watched as prosecutor Terry White has been turned down by officers who initially agreed to testify to excessive force. One feigned "stress" related illness. I wondered which officer would be the one, not involved in the incident, to testify to excessive force. It turned out to be Commander Michael Bostic, who is the chairman of the Board on Excessive Force for L.A.P.D. He testified his officers were out of control and that the one justification for such force was missing: a weapon or a gun. Rodney King did not have one.

In conclusion, I will say that this is an institution of HIGHER learning. I believe that anyone who considers himself to be an educated person, an enlightened and fair-minded individual will not negate the facts in this case. Instead of subscribing to preconceived notions of a Republican or Democrat, or a liberal or conservative, subscribe to facts. We are part of a new generation. A generation that does not have to mimic the surface and corrupt leaders of the day, but who demand truth, honesty and not lies, cover-ups, codes of silence and falsified reports. We have had enough, and enough is enough. His name might be Michael Wilson but he sounds like David Duke. From the wisdom of your

mind, what do you see on that infamous videotape? If we were without it, would there be a trial? If you answer no, consider yourself a fair and intelligent contributor to a new generation.

Jennifer Barbour

Bible righteousness

The past several issues of The GW Hatchet have been a useful tool in reasserting our negative feelings toward any group's interpretation of the Bible, and toward organized religion as a whole. The bickering between YAF and its opponents on the issue of whether the Bible condemns homosexuality is a perfect example of how religion can transform itself into a vehicle for self-righteousness. We all know, from examining history, as well as from most of YAF's activities, how these righteous tendencies escalate into infringements on the rights of other individuals.

The deadly violent conflicts between the Arabs and Israelis, Irish Catholics and Protestants, and even the Crusades and the Inquisition, are perfect examples of religion justifying murder and creating a massive fissure between groups of people over a simple difference in interpretation. And over what? A religious belief. A belief is nothing more than a preference, like what cola you like better — Coke or Pepsi (obviously, not something to kill or fight over).

YAF's use of the Bible as a weapon against homosexuality, and those who oppose them, who use the Bible as a defense, are blindly following down a path that has shown itself to be a bloody one. I think religion, if you so choose to have one, is personal. It shows an immense amount of theological immaturity to use something like the Bible, which is so open to dispute, as fact in such a heated debate. Why don't both groups concentrate on some hard provable facts rather than something so unreliable as the word of God.

Sergio Borgiotti
Jason Kriskey

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OP ~ EDS

Banning Hatchet at GWUMC violates University code

Reportedly, GWU Medical Center officials have "requested that the Hatchet no longer be delivered to Medical Center facilities" because they objected to several humorous references in the paper's April Fool's issue.

This appears to not only be a blatant violation of several different sections of the University's trustee-approved "Statement of Student Rights and Responsibilities," but also an illegal act that might subject the University — and even them — to liability in a civil action.

In many ways this event seems similar to a blatant attempt by the administration to censor The GW Hatchet for a previous April Fool's issue — an attempt that was stopped dead in its tracks when the perpetrators were confronted by the legal realities and possible legal consequences of their attempted actions.

No one could seriously suggest that the humorous references to which the Medical Center personnel apparently objected were obscene or libelous. Therefore they are clearly "free speech" entitled to the highest degree of protection. This is true even if some people find them (take your pick) offensive, in bad taste, juvenile, risqué, insulting, harmful to GW's image, etc.

The "Statement of Student Rights and Responsibilities" proudly proclaims (IV. D) that "the George Washington University is committed to the protection of free speech . . ."

Towards this end it promises and provides that: "Therefore student organizations and individual students shall have the right to distribute pamphlets

(etc.) provided these actions are not disruptive of normal University functions and do not encompass the physical takeover or occupation of buildings, offices, classrooms, hallways, or other parts of buildings without authorization of the University . . ."

Thus it would seem that the Medical School officials have no right to prohibit an official student organization (the Hatchet) from peacefully and lawfully distributing its publication in any public areas of the Medical School buildings, whether by handing them out to passers by, or by the more conventional method of placing them neatly in public places where students may pick them up.

Likewise, the "Statement of Student Rights and Responsibilities" also expressly provides (IV. D) that: "The student press and media shall be free of censorship . . ."

Since censorship can occur by limiting or preventing the distribution of a publication, as much as by telling the editors what they may or may not print, it would seem the Medical Center's action flies in the face of this solemn guarantee of freedom of the press.

Finally, the "Statement of Student Rights and Responsibilities" also promises (I. A) that: "Student organizations and individual students shall be free to examine and to discuss all questions of interest to them and to express opinions publicly and privately."

Therefore, whether or not Medical Center officials agree with the opinions supposedly expressed in the April Fool's articles, prohibiting the Hatchet staff from distributing these opinions at the Medical Center in the time-honored

fashion of printing them in a student newspaper certainly does not leave them free to "express opinions publicly" to the many GW students who study there, not to mention the staff and faculty.

This is a point well worth stressing. In addition to the freedoms of speech and of the press to which the editors and writers of the Hatchet are entitled, the flip-side of the coin is all members of the GW community have a free speech/press right to hear and receive news and information, including comments and criticism. That principle is reflected in

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several places in the "Statement of Student Rights and Responsibilities," and even in the preamble: "Freedom to teach and freedom to learn are inseparable facets of academic freedom. The freedom to learn depends upon appropriate opportunities and conditions in the classroom, ON CAMPUS, and in the larger community . . . The George Washington University believes that the procedures, rights, and safeguards outlined below are indispensable to achieving the goals desired — freedom to teach, TO LEARN, and TO SEARCH FOR TRUTH," (emphasis added).

In this light it would seem that the Medical Center's actions also infringe

upon the rights of the students, faculty, and staff to have ready access — as they always have had — to the official student newspaper for information about what is going on at their own University. Since at least some of the people in the Medical School apparently find some of the contents of the Hatchet of interest, the remedy if the Medical School disagrees with the material in the Hatchet is not to effectively deny its own people access to it, but rather to provide contrary views and information.

The "Statement of Student Rights and Responsibilities" is important for at least two reasons. First, it provides basic guarantees to students and student organizations that cannot be abrogated by the arbitrary action of individual administrators.

Although the precise procedures for protecting each of these rights is not always spelled out with the precision one would hope for, the document does provide the basis for formal complaints to be filed with various individuals and entities which have concerns and responsibilities in the area: the faculty committee on publications, the Faculty Senate, the Office of the President, the Dean of the Medical School, the governing body of the Medical School, and perhaps even the Board of Trustees. While in the end one may claim responsibility, and / or others may defer to its determinations, filing the same complaint in all possible jurisdictions protects against the argument that "you didn't go to the right place."

The second reason the "Statement of Student Rights and Responsibilities" is important is that is part of the contract

between the students and the University. In many situations courts have held that even less formal guarantees of student rights — e.g., even a few sentences in a catalog or brochure — formed a binding legal contract upon which a civil action for damages could be based.

Here there seems to be more than sufficient breach to warrant a law suit. Moreover, if it turns out the officials of the Medical Center acted recklessly (without checking to see if the action was lawful, and / or in disregard to the consequences), or with malice (personal anger, dislike or enmity), the consequences could be even more serious for both the University and those directly responsible.

Several years ago a Hatchet April Fool's issue likewise provoked the administration to action. In that case the Hatchet editors responsible for the edition were threatened with disciplinary action. Fortunately, they didn't take the threat lying down.

Instead, the students invoked the "Statement of Student Rights and Responsibilities" and challenged the administration to justify its actions under the document. The responsible administration officials were also independently advised of the possible legal consequences of their actions. Faced with this, the challenge to the independence of the Hatchet was immediately dropped, and freedom of the press was protected.

Let's hope for the same outcome in this situation.

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Civil rights, racial inequality at heart of L.A.P.D. case

Everyone is entitled to their opinion. Mr. Michael Wilson is entitled to his opinion regarding the Rodney King police brutality incident, and ongoing trial in Los Angeles ("L.A. cops justified in beating King," The GW Hatchet, April 13). Normally, I would hesitate to respond to an individual's well-grounded argument. After all, people are entitled to their beliefs.

Darius B. Withers

However, when opinions are peppered with ignorance, half-truths and assertions bordering on asinine, such as Mr. Wilson's do, a response is necessary. I must respond to better inform the community at large and, if possible, cause Mr. Wilson to reflect on his statements. Also, Mr. Wilson's comments on the pertinent racial issues moved me to expose his poorly veiled attack on political views with which he disagrees.

The article fails in three categories. First, Mr. Wilson warps the truth in his recollection of the event and fails to discuss all the facts presented at the trial. Second, he ignores the politics surrounding the incident, both locally and nationally. Third, the article is really an attack on groups that express visible outrage at injustice and inequality.

Mr. Wilson is mistaken regarding his version of

the events of March 3, 1991. He attempts to imply that King was under the influence of PCP and was preparing to assault the officers involved. Mr. Wilson states this with such self-assured arrogance, it would almost be funny if it wasn't true. The truth is that no PCP was found in Mr. King's system, nor did King express in pre-trial affidavits an intent to assault the officers, nor was this witnessed on videotape. Does Mr. Wilson have the analytical skill to question whether Mr. King's attempt to move was an attempt to evade lethal blows and that he was too intoxicated for a taser gun to have any effect? Additional evidence was provided by a defendant himself, one of the officers, who testified lethal force was used. His opinion was later substantiated by an expert.

Mr. Wilson also refuses to acknowledge the political atmosphere surrounding the case. The Los Angeles Police Department has a well-deserved reputation for a calculating, efficient and technologically advanced staff. However, they have an equally well-deserved reputation, dating from before the days of the 1965 Watts riot, for racism, use of excessive force and references to people of African descent as "monkeys" and their neighborhoods as "jungles" over on-board car computers. This does not strike the average person as characteristic of a well-managed police department. Furthermore, Darryl Gates' implementation, and later full justification, of the lethal choke hold practice makes him not a scourge of liberals, but a threat to the livelihood of southern California's minorities. There are other

questions regarding why the trial's venue was moved to Ventura, the racial makeup of the jury and the competence of the prosecutor's office and the police department. Why has Mr. Wilson neglected to discuss these questions?

Mr. Wilson refuses to recognize the racial factors involved in the case. I say he refuses because no person of average intelligence can be so ignorant as to not recognize the racial factor in the Rodney King case. To do otherwise, as Mr. Wilson has, smacks of a more insidious and sick philosophy.

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In truth, Mr. Wilson has used a racially-charged issue, attempted to diffuse it, and goes on to pontificate the same foolish rhetoric that pervaded the previous decade regarding liberal and conservative views. Mr. Wilson's sophomoric analysis of the Rodney King trial only serves to cloud the central issues. The defining importance of individual rights and the all-out assault on those who assert their right to equal treatment outline the case.

Mr. Wilson attempts to downplay elements of society he thinks deserve little attention — such

as racism and abridgment of individual rights. He then justifies this attack by labeling the issue as products of "liberals" and therefore it is wrong. The question I ask of Mr. Wilson and others who share his views is this: Is an attack on racism or inequality "liberal?" Is simply asking for protection from agents of the state who subscribe to the "order at all costs" concept of governing, "liberal?" If so, it is a sad statement of America the beautiful as professed in academia, the media and politics.

Mr. Wilson would earn greater credibility by writing a well-formed discussion of the elements of the conservative viewpoint, or even a balanced discussion of the trial. Instead, he presented a ridiculous tirade of a black man deserving a lethal beating by police who refer to people of African descent as animals. He then justifies this by stating that racism and individual rights are insignificant in comparison to law, order and conservative values. In other words, "who gives a damn about police brutality, Rodney had it coming, and I don't push any more of this equality stuff on me, the sixties are over . . ."

Wilson's perspective is symptomatic of the ignorance and sickness starting to pervade the larger society once again, after a relatively short hiatus of 25 years. This author, unfortunately, believes that those like Mr. Wilson are a silent majority and he has come to the conclusion that "The Reconstruction, Part II," is over.

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cross the street, they'll turn their head . . . they throw insults at you."

Mayer cites lack of adequate substance abuse programs and other services, such as primary health and mental care as a reason for homelessness. Expensive housing, low minimum wage and lack of job training programs

are other contributing factors, Mayer says.

It is hard for the homeless to obtain jobs because they have difficulty planning the future, according to Stern. "All these people are trying to do is survive for today," he explains.

"My life is miserable now," Hart says, "... I feel sad thinking about the changes I have gone through and am going through . . . but you can't think about what you had. You have to think strong, you have to put actions with those thoughts. If you're just feeling sorry for yourself, you're not going to

get up on your own," he says.

According to Hart, "Life on the streets is okay, as long as you don't bother anyone." But there is nothing good about street life, he says. "You're out here in the world, you have no one that you can go to, you don't feel like you have anyone who loves you . . . You feel like you're a hopeless case because you don't have the things you used to have."

However, Gerachis says there is a good part about homelessness. For him, the best thing is the opportunity to meet people he otherwise may not have.

Gerachis usually sleeps at a campsite he has in the woods outside the District, in doorways, or on park benches. He can protect his property better and stay warmer in doorways than in other places, he explains.

The hardest time of year for homeless people, as one might expect, according to Gerachis, is in the winter. "Out on the streets, the sun means a lot. It can mean the difference between life or death," he says.

Hart, Gerachis, Mayer and Stern agree the government is not doing enough to combat homelessness.

"They're trying," Hart says, "but I wish that the government could do more."

According to Mayer, the government does have programs to address the issues of homelessness, but these programs are underfunded and do not go deep enough into the problem.

John Czwartacki, a public affairs officer for the Department of Housing and Urban Development, disagrees. He says the best remedy for the homeless problem is a growing economy and the most important thing is to provide people with jobs.

"The solution," Czwartacki, a GW senior, says, "is linking housing with care." He says the government is attempting to do this through two new programs, Shelter Plus Care and Safe Havens.

According to Czwartacki, HUD asked Congress for \$535 million for 1992 and received \$450 million. For the 1993 fiscal year, all the departments that deal with homelessness have asked for \$1.1 billion — the highest amount ever proposed.

The government is also taking steps to prevent homelessness through Section Eight vouchers, which provide people with enough money to pay their rent. The person puts 30 percent of their monthly salary toward rent and the government will pay the difference, Czwartacki says.

The best thing a homeless person can do to stay alive, Gerachis says, is to make friends. He advises fellow homeless to "do the best you can to get off (the streets) and get yourself to a point where you can get back into the mainstream."

Gerachis says although homelessness sometimes verges on hopelessness and depression, he has no choice but to be happy. "You're going to exist until you can change something or you're going to give up."

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religions on campus. "There's not a lot of tension."

Some leaders of campus religious groups said they feel students as a whole have a generally apathetic attitude about religion. "I think there are a lot of people who would say they have a faith because that is what they grew up with," Schmidt said. "The campus tends to be a bit apathetic," he added. He said he thought this was a reflection of the cultural move away from religious beliefs and practices.

Muslim Student Association President Mehmood Kazmi said the amount of religious activity on campus is much like that on other college campuses. "It's just the genuine state of America," Kazmi said. He added that in its efforts to encourage freedom of religion, the American educational system instead encouraged secularism and the absence of religion.

Rodenstein said she does not think there are religious conflicts on campus. With the exception of occasional Jewish slurs and Jewish American Princess stereotyping, "In general, (GW) is a pretty hospitable campus for Jewish students . . . I think this administration is more supportive and encouraging for religious life on campus."

"Religious students don't have the same kind of social outlet that non-religious students have," Kazmi said. Kazmi and Schmidt said on the whole they did not see religious students facing major pressures from the University and their peers.

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IMPRESSIONS

Old musician finds new success with band that breaks the rules

by Lee Hoffman

We live in a world where we are constantly bombarded with rules affecting every aspect of our lives. We are told we must practice safe sex, say no to drugs and make sure everything that issues from our mouths is politically correct. Rules exist for the music industry as well, where Spandex-clad mindless chord crunchers or insipid sound-alike Madonna wanna-be's are the norm. In his latest release, *Col. Bruce Hampton & the Aquarium Rescue Unit* (Capricorn), Bruce Hampton shows he never read the rule book, or if he did, he sure isn't paying attention to it.

Of course, when an artist dispenses with the rule book, it's almost impossible to describe his work. Trying to pigeonhole Hampton's music into something identifiable is enough to give a reviewer a decent case of schizophrenia. Classifications simply don't apply. Hampton creates his unique sound by combining elements of jazz, soul, rock, blues, country, and bluegrass. In spite of the combination of these diverse elements, often all at once, Hampton still manages to come up with something coherent and wonderful.

Though Hampton has been in the music business for over 20 years, it wasn't until he formed the Aquarium Rescue Unit that he began to achieve notoriety. Based in Atlanta, the band's popularity grew steadily on the club circuit in the South where they were heard by members of Widespread Panic and Johnny Sandlin, whose

production credits include the Allman Brothers. Sandlin was so enamored with the band he helped them get their deal with Capricorn records and produced the album.

Col. Hampton & the Aquarium Rescue Unit was recorded over three nights last September at the Georgia Theatre in Athens, Ga. Unlike most of the prepackaged music on the shelves today, this music is not overproduced, studio-perfect or in other words, bland. Sandlin does an excellent job in the production booth in that he makes the album sound full yet so free from outside noise that a listener would swear that the album was recorded in a studio.

Sandlin's real genius shows in not only knowing when to produce the sound, but also knowing when to leave the knobs alone. The occasional error is not edited out, nor is the intensity of a live performance. The result is the feel of a live show and the bristling energy that comes with it are effectively captured.

The members of the Aquarium Rescue Unit all share Hampton's interest in bringing music back from its current wasteland status. The band doesn't practice at all before going on stage, rather each member is free to do as he sees fit. The only requirement Hampton puts on the band is that each member must listen to one another while on stage.

Such freedom provides satisfying results for the listener on the band's original numbers as well as on various cover tunes the band performs. On Booker T. White's "Fixin' to Die" the band trans-



(l.to r.) Jimmy Herring, Bruce Hampton, Apt. Q258, Matt Mundy, and Oteil Nurbridge.

forms a straight-ahead blues tune into a frenzied mixture of jazz and country influences. The funkier track on the album is "Working on a Building," a traditional gospel tune that the band sets on its ear. Staccato, slap bass work by Oteil Nurbridge and Count Mbutu's Latin percussion provide a funky back beat and provide each artist a chance to shine on solos. Guitarist Jimmy Herring does his best to compete, wafting his solo over the wall of sound laid by the rhythm section.

The original tunes provide the listener with a cornucopia of musical styles as well. Fusion jazz

comprises the hip "Jazz Bank," while scat solos abound in "Davy Crockett." The best cut on the album, "Basically Frightened," provides a soulful look at the problems of modern society. Humor abounds in this tune as Hampton, in his growly voice, laments having to contend with "politicians without hobbies" and "watching cable TV."

The album truly is worth rushing out to the nearest music store to give it a listen. However, when one breaks as many rules as Hampton has with this release, one problem exists: in which bin will the listener be able to find it?

Stereotypes pervade in Parton's harmless, predictable *Straight Talk*

by Maren Feltz

Dolly Parton's latest film, *Straight Talk*, will make feminists cringe in their seats. This voluptuous blonde may have a charming personality, but her spiked heels, plunging necklines and familiar feminine mannerisms



Parton, pretty as a picture in *Straight Talk*.

play heavily on the female stereotypes modern day women's libbers have been working to defy. As if that weren't bad enough, the story of *Straight Talk* is fraught with cliché: country girl down on her luck moves to the big city and becomes a star.

Parton plays Shirlee Kenyon who, after finally having taken enough from her boyfriend, walks out on him and her small-town Arkansas life and heads for Chicago with all she owns in a bowling bag. Shirlee spends most of her money on a small, dark room at a run-down boarding house and is faced with the formidable task of finding a job. When Shirlee finally lands at radio station WNDY as a switchboard operator, she strays into the wrong room and all of a sudden finds herself on the air as a doctor of the heart. Instantly, Shirlee's all the rage throughout the city.

Chicago brings Shirlee success in the romance department too. Jack Russell (James Woods) is the first person she meets when she arrives in the big city, and though it appears at the start their coincidental relationship is jinxed, Jack ends up falling hard and the two live happily ever after.

Unfortunately, this love interest doesn't achieve the pretty illusions generated by most movie romances. Dolly's standard giggle is too cute and James Woods is simply not cute enough. It's no wonder this is Woods' first romantic lead; he's not cut out for the part. Even in *Straight Talk* he is overshadowed by Dolly, whose character is far more robust and strong-willed.

Straight Talk is far from a smashing success, but it's Dolly Parton through and through. The soundtrack is written and performed by Parton in her familiar country style and the role of Shirlee Kenyon was tailor-made.

In spite of its weaknesses, *Straight Talk* will provoke laughter. Much like the film itself, Parton's on-screen presence is sunny and strong and easy to identify with. A more harmless and less substantial movie would be hard to find.

Curve needs to move off the straight, narrow

by Joshua Wellikoff

In February, Curve released their debut EP *Blindfold* and received unanimous critical acclaim. With four songs of primitive fury and scorching beauty, the album immediately blazed to number one in the British independent charts. Two more EPs followed in *Blindfold's* wake, stunning all who dared to listen. Nobody minded that they all sounded the same. No, this gorgeous whirlwind of feedback-laced pop was too magnificent for people to complain.

Then came the long awaited full-length album. Curve had basically two options. They could either boldly depart from their much-lauded sound or stick with the risk-free formula which earned them so much praise. Unfortunately, Curve chose the latter. *Doppelganger* (Charisma) is too predictable to be any fun.

All the songs on the new album sound similar. A pounding synthetic rhythm will start the song, followed by a wall of guitar noise and vocalist Toni Halliday's vitriolic ranting. Sure, all this makes for a great song, and even a great EP, but it's superfluous to fill an entire album with the

patented Curve sound.

A great album has songs of various tempos that convey different emotions. A great album has peaks and valleys, darkness and light. *Doppelganger*, on the other hand, is one steady torrent of aggressive white noise, bombarding the listener without pause until the record ends.

If the members of Curve are truly talented — and I suspect they are — they should be versatile enough to write different styles of music without sacrificing quality. For example, Curve's admitted heroes, The Jesus and Mary Chain, wrote a second album that bore no resemblance to their first critically-acclaimed album. Instead of rewriting *Psychocandy*, the members of The Jesus and Mary Chain changed their style 180 degrees and produced a brilliant follow-up.

Guitarist Dean Garcia and Halliday wrote some brilliant songs, but it is time to move on now. With their next record, the bandmembers must be brave and venture forth out of their feedback security blanket. True, this change will make them vulnerable, but it is the only way for them to reassert their significance in the quick-paced and ever-changing world of pop music.

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Campus crimes drop 7% in March

by Paul Connolly
Asst. News Editor

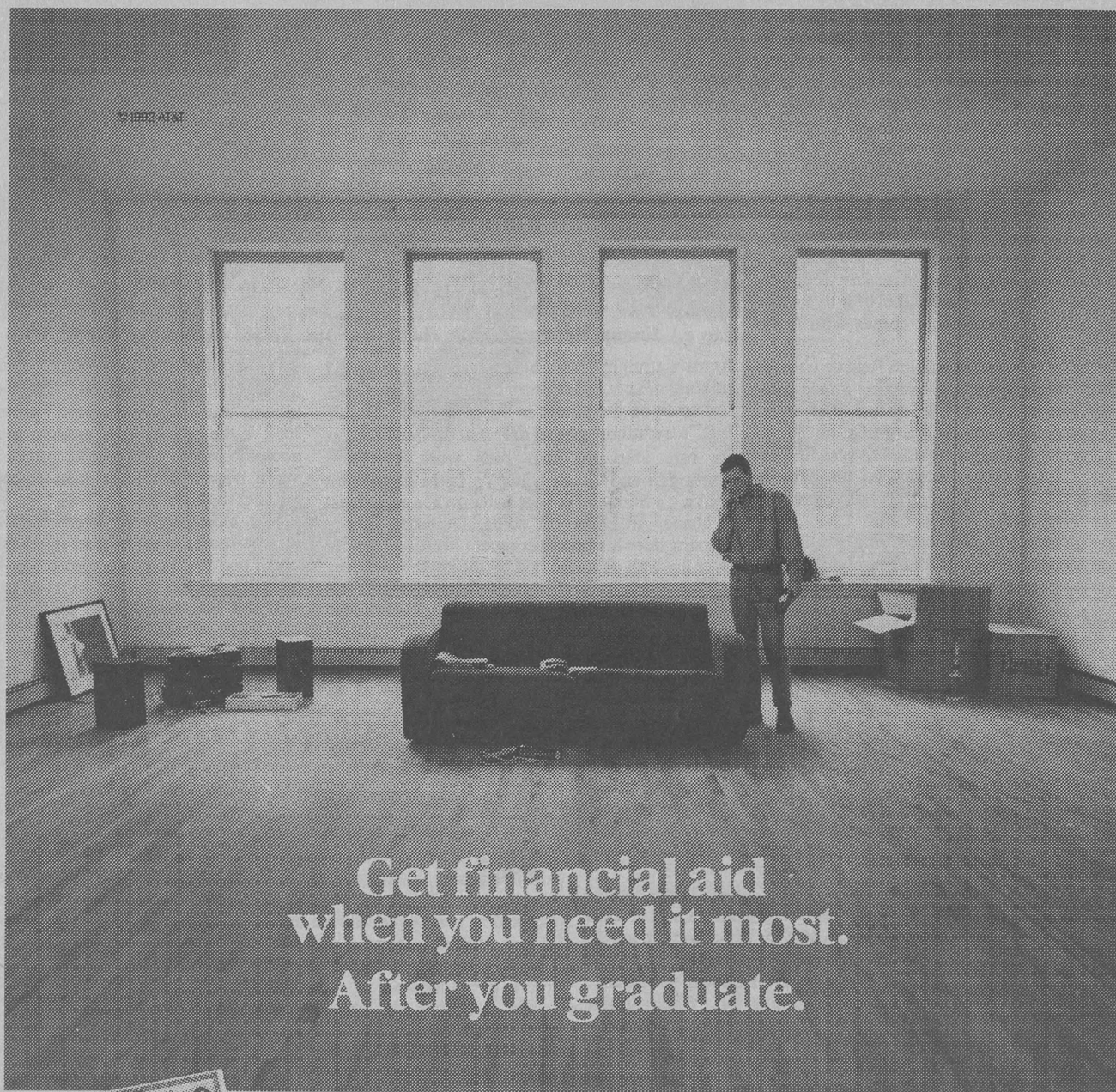
The total number of crimes committed on campus in March were 7.8 percent lower than the number committed during the same time last year, according to University Police inspector J.D. Harwell.

Harwell said thefts account for approximately 65 percent of the total crimes on campus. Compared to March 1991, March's 39 thefts were down by 17.1 percent, according to UPD. Harwell said the sharp decrease in thefts accounts for the overall drop in crime.

A robbery occurred on campus at about 1 a.m. March 1 in the 900 block of 23rd Street, Harwell said. A female Crawford Hall resident was robbed by "force and violence" near the Foggy Bottom Metro station and her pendant was stolen, he said. No one has been arrested in connection to the case, UPD director Curtis Goode said.

On March 21, a University employee reported their car stolen from the Academic Center parking garage. According to Harwell, this was the second time this car had been stolen from that location. The car was recovered recently on the Baltimore-Washington Parkway with a broken steering column and lock, Harwell said. The case is still under investigation, he added.

At 1 a.m. Monday, a second-year male student walking home with a friend was assaulted by three men at 24th and M streets, receiving severe bruises and welts on his chest and head, severe ear damage from kicks and a puncture injury to his neck, Harwell said. According to Harwell, a car pulled alongside the students and the three suspects got out and approached them. The three men kicked and beat the student severely while the other student escaped. Harwell said the student was admitted to the GW Medical Center where he underwent surgery for the puncture wound. According to the GWUMC admitting desk, the student was treated and released the next day. Harwell added that police are uncertain whether the wound came from a knife or a fence the student may have fell on.



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Treasury secretary discusses democracy

by Yoshie Imai
Hatchet Staff Writer

America must take on a leadership role in bringing democracy to post-communist Europe, John Robson, acting U.S. secretary of the treasury, said Wednesday in the Marvin Center.

"But (the West) must keep in mind," he said, "that (in bringing democracy to these countries), it's not as simple as using a cookie cutter." He added that the West cannot look at these European countries merely as "Eastern Europe," because each country has its own peculiar characteristics and system. What is needed for one country to adopt democracy may not necessarily be what another needs, he said.

The expectations of the West in the area of economic reforms are also too high for these countries, he said. "They will ultimately (reach the goals), but the process is going to be longer and more difficult than anticipated, and backsliding should be expected."

In many of these countries a large percentage of the population are employed by state enterprises, who provide the workers with a home, medical care and schooling aside from their job. In order to introduce a free market, the nations must let the state-run enterprise collapse, which would cause major unemployment, before any economic reforms can be made.

"We need to depart from the rigors of classic economic reforms," he said. "The leaders of government in these countries are operating a fragile demo-

cracy, and they themselves are not yet experts in running a smooth democracy. Optimistically speaking, probably 15 to 20 percent of these countries at most are ever going to successfully convert to a free market."

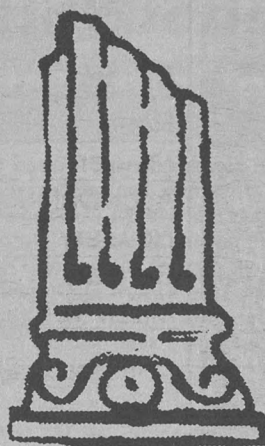
Although the United States is often accused of being too stingy and too slow in lending economic aid to European countries, it has made substantial contributions, Robson said.

The United States is the largest shareholder in major monetary institutions such as the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank and the European Bank, so the assistance given by these institutions must be included when thinking of the overall benefits conferred to the various nations by the United States, he said.

The U.S. has also granted humanitarian aid such as food and medicine, has set up enterprise funds lending money to smaller-size businesses and has provided a variety of technical assistance to help the countries build their own institutions such as a free press, banking, labor unions and means for fighting environmental problems, he said.

These aids are important contributions for long-range benefits for these countries, but the road to democracy will be slow-going, he said.

"There's no recipe book that tells you how to make a good economic transition (from the communist to the democratic system)," Robson said.



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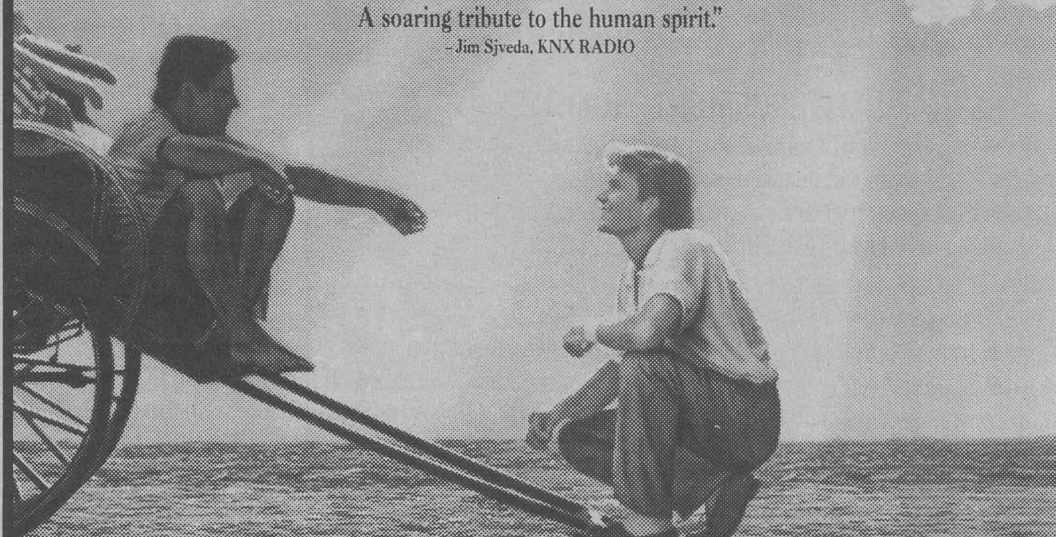
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NLC Advocate editor causes stir with staff selections

by Lisa Leiter
Asst. News Editor

In the absence of a constitution or bylaws, the outgoing editor-in-chief of the National Law Center Advocate unilaterally decided the composition of next year's editorial board without the advice and consent of its current members, according to Advocate editorial board members.

According to a grievance filed by the current editors with the University Judi-

cial Hearing Board April 3, Editor in Chief Chris Langelo distributed a memorandum March 23 announcing the names of the new editorial board. Langelo claims he solicited input from the editorial board throughout the fall semester, at a Jan. 15 meeting and on a bulletin board, but Managing Editor Jeanette Kinane said he "did not take any action to solicit opinions or nominations in any way that was calculated to reach the editorial board."

Langelo disagrees: "I had a hard time getting editors to participate in the selection process . . . I wanted input from them."

The Hearing Board refused to hear the grievance, so editorial board members met with NLC Associate Dean for Administrative Affairs John S. Jenkins and Deputy Assistant Dean for Student Affairs Frank D. Durand immediately after receiving Langelo's memo. Durand said because of provi-

sions in the Student Guide to Rights and Responsibilities, they "could not step in."

Kinane claims the provision in the guide is "so vague that it really doesn't say anything. I think that it is hypocritical for the NLC administration to take the 'hands off' position in this matter," she said.

The deans asked the editorial board if they would attend a mediation session to resolve the dispute. The Dean of Students Judicial Affairs Office conducted a session at the NLC April 1. Kinane said the session was unproductive because Langelo stood by his original decision.

At the end of the session, Langelo refused a request to voluntarily give the Student Court jurisdiction over the Advocate; they have no jurisdiction over the newspaper because it does not receive any of its funding from the Student Association.

Durand and other administrators have mandated that the new Advocate editor-

ial board create a constitution for the biweekly publication. "I think they need a constitution so things like this don't come up in the future," Durand said.

Commentary Editor Jeff Breslow said he doesn't know why the newspaper does not have a constitution. "There is no check over Chris' authority," Breslow said, adding that Langelo "severely alienated" the outgoing editorial board.

Langelo, who also said the newspaper should have a constitution, has selected first-year law students Marc Dinardo and Rebecca Taylor to be editor in chief and managing editor, respectively, next year. "I feel I'm perfectly competent to do the job . . . I would have liked it to work out better for everybody but they took their positions and stuck to them. I wanted to get some sort of compromise," Dinardo said.

"This is an unpleasant situation and I'm trying to put it all behind me," Langelo said.

COMMENCEMENT UPDATE

ATTENTION ALL MAY 10, 1992 GRADUATES: THE FOLLOWING IS INFORMATION THAT YOU NEED TO KNOW FOR COMMENCEMENT!



The commencement ceremony will be held May 10, on the Ellipse, opposite the South Lawn of the White House. Graduates should plan on arriving at the Ellipse by 9:00am. The Academic Procession will begin at 9:30am and the Ceremony will start at 10:00am. Each graduate will be given 6 tickets for the ceremony and 4 tickets for the Rain Plan.

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- ◆ Saturday April 25, 9:00am to 3:00pm, Registrar's Office

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RHA president-elect declines top position

On the evening of outgoing Residence Hall Association President Chris Ferguson's last meeting, president-elect Travis Wiebe announced he will not assume the RHA presidency for the 1992-93 year.

A special election will be held Monday night to vote for the new president. Wiebe said at the RHA meeting Wednesday night that because of personal reasons he will not take over the presidency at the transition of the executive board April 21.

"Over the past five days there have been a number of events that have led me to believe I'm not personally ready to make a commitment," Wiebe said. He said the reasons do not relate to academics or commitments to another organization.

Because there is no clause in RHA's constitution to explain who should take over during a transitional period in the organization, the floor was opened for discussion. The general assembly discussed the issue for almost an hour.

The basic debate was whether vice-president-elect Janeen Latini should assume role as president Tuesday or whether there should be a special election to elect a president.

Thurston Hall President Josh Vichness motioned for the special election. The motion was passed by a 15-4 vote and a special election will be held Monday to allow any interested person to run for president, including Latini, who would not have to give up the vice-presidency to run. Two voting members abstained from voting on the motion.

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SPORTS

Colonials slam Towson State, let UMBC slip away

by Vince Tuss
Asst. Sports Editor

The GW baseball team continued its recent trend of splitting games, losing 6-4 to the University of Maryland/Baltimore County, Wednesday at Francis Field after clobbering Towson State University, 11-9, at home Tuesday.

The Colonials now stand at 15-20 on the season after the two non-conference contests. GW is 6-2 in conference play. Along with the losses, the team is suffering through a plague of minor injuries.

Redshirt junior first baseman-catcher Will Ferguson is suffering from a sore back, while sophomore infielders Greg Patton and Scott Sharp are enduring shoulder problems. In addition, sophomore pitcher Jeff Peterson is throwing with a sore pitching elbow.

"I look at all our injuries as a reflection of the start of the major league season," GW baseball head coach Jay Murphy said. "Instead of out 15 days, we're out two or three. We have to play with that and are used to having them."

You just have to make do with what you've got."

UMBC 6, GW 4

The Retrievers started scoring early in the second inning, Wednesday, thanks to a two-run home run in the second inning off starter Ryan Clark. However, the two runs were the only ones he allowed the rest of the game.

BASEBALL - UMBC 6, GW 4

GW	AB	R	H	RB	UMBC	AB	R	H	RB
PITTSINGER, 2B	4	1	1	1	ELLIOTT, CF	5	1	2	0
PATTON, SS	3	1	1	0	SHUGARS, LF	4	1	1	2
WELCH, CF	3	0	0	0	MURRAY, C	4	1	0	0
GULIANA, CF	0	0	0	0	COLEMAN, 1B	5	1	2	1
BROWNING, RF	4	1	1	1	DEARES, DH	5	1	1	3
FERGUSON, 3B	4	0	1	0	LONDON, 3B	4	0	1	0
HENDRICKS, 1B	4	0	1	1	LOEWE, RF	3	0	0	0
FLETCHER, C	4	1	1	1	BURNS, SS	3	0	2	0
NIGHTWYER, DH	2	0	0	0	SEXTON, 2B	4	1	2	0
PETERSON, PH	1	0	0	0					
SHARP, PH	1	0	0	0					
ALEFANTIS, LF	4	0	2	0					

UMBC - 0 0 2 0 0 0 0 3 1 6 11 0
GW - 0 0 0 3 0 0 1 0 0 4 9 2
DP - GW 1, UMBC 1; LOB - GW 8, UMBC 5; 2B: BURNS, SEXTON, BROWNING; HR: SHUGARS, DEARES, PITTSINGER, FLETCHER; SB: DEARES, ALEFANTIS.

UMBC	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K
RAINO W	6.0	7	4	4	0	5
WITASICK S	3.0	2	0	0	0	4

GW	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K
CLARK	6.3	6	2	2	1	5
KOENIG L	1.3	3	3	0	1	0
WELCH	1.3	2	1	1	2	2

The Colonials started to rally in the bottom of the fourth inning with three runs of their own. Second baseman Todd Pittsinger led off with a homer and right fielder Allen Browning's double scored Patton. First baseman Ryan Hendricks later singled to score him.

GW entered the top of the seventh with a 4-2 lead, but after that, things started to fall apart. The Colonials got the first two outs of the inning. Freshman Mark Koenig had relieved Clark, but UMBC placed men on first and second due to a single and an error. Koenig then allowed a three-run homer, giving the Retrievers a 5-4 lead.

"It's a frustrating loss," Murphy said. "In a sense, we are the better club. That three-run homer shouldn't have happened. They took advantage and did a good job."

GW 11, Towson State 9

Ten home runs — six from GW and three by Browning — sparked Tuesday's game. "I could see first thing in batting practice what kind of game this was going to be. Everything seemed to be carrying out," Murphy said. "Truth-

fully, most of the homers weren't that great."

Colonial hitters feasted early as center fielder Mike Welch and Browning slammed back-to-back dingers in the bottom of the first. Sharp, playing first, nailed a solo shot in the second to give GW three runs on three hits.

BASEBALL - GW 11, TSU 9

GW	AB	R	H	RB	TOWSON ST.	AB	R	H	RB
PITTSINGER, 2B	4	1	0	0	FAIRING, CF	5	0	0	1
PATTON, SS	5	2	2	2	WAGNER, SS	3	2	0	0
WELCH, CF	4	4	3	2	LOGWOOD, LF	5	2	3	0
BROWNING, RF	5	3	4	2	SMEETS, 1B	4	2	3	4
FERGUSON, C	5	0	2	0	BACCHASSO, C	3	1	2	3
NIGHTWYER, LF	3	0	1	0	KEITBOCK, RF	4	0	0	0
ALEFANTIS, LF	1	0	0	0	COLEMAN, DH	3	0	0	0
FLETCHER, DH	3	0	0	0	DAVIS, PH	1	0	0	0
SHARP, 1B	4	1	1	1	YOST, SS	3	1	0	0
KOENIG, 3B	3	0	0	0	EICHNER, 2B	4	1	3	1

TSU - 0 0 0 1 5 0 1 1 1 9 11 1
GW - 2 1 1 4 0 2 0 1 - 11 13 9
DP - GW 1, TSU 0; LOB - GW 7, TSU 6; 2B: LOGWOOD, PATTON, WELCH, FERGUSON; HR: SMEETS 2, BACCHASSO, EICHNER, BROWNING 3, WELCH 2, PATTON, SHARP.

TOWSON ST.	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K
SULLIVAN L	4.0	7	8	8	4	3
HALL	2.0	4	2	2	0	2
HASSELHOFF	2.0	2	1	1	1	2

GW	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K
MARTIN W	6.3	9	7	7	3	2
WARE S	2.7	2	2	2	2	1

Browning expanded the team's lead to 8-1 in the fourth inning with a grand-

slam off Towson State starter Tim Sullivan. The shellshocked Sullivan survived the inning, but Tiger reliever Peter Hall replaced him in the fifth. He entered the game down only 8-6 as the Tigers assembled a five-run rally on three homers in its half of the inning.

Hall kept his team in the game in the bottom of the fifth inning as he blanked GW, but the reliever could not avoid the drubbing completely as Browning slammed his third long ball of the game in the sixth — a two-run shot to left-center field. The Colonials scored their final run, aptly enough, with a Welch solo homer in the eighth.

Starter Jack Martin lasted six-and-a-third innings to earn the win. Freshman Butch Ware, who has suffered hard luck in recent outings, pitched the final two-and-two-thirds to pick up a save.

On Deck — GW takes to the road once more, with a weekend of double-headers against A-10 rival Duquesne. The Colonials play two Saturday in Pittsburgh, Penn. starting at 1 p.m. and another two games Sunday, starting at 12 p.m.

GW dreams about future success with Nigerian force in the middle

by Holger Stolzenberg
Asst. Sports Editor

When you see 7-1, 265-pound center Yinka Dare on the court, you immediately understand why the GW men's basketball team and the University community have been drooling ever since assistant coach Ed Meyers discovered the recruit in Nigeria.

Despite his size, questions remain for some about Dare's basketball ability, as he has only played the sport for three years. Meyers is not among those.

"I think potentially, the sky is the limit for him from where he's come," Meyers said. "At the beginning of the year, he would make 2-of-10 free throws and now he's making 8-of-10. Strength-wise, he's gained 40 pounds, so he is getting stronger and I think eventually he is going to be a marquee player."

In addition to battling inexperience, Dare (pronounced Dah-RAY) has asthma, although it is not a permanent condition.

"I don't know what it is, but the doctor says it's just a mild case of asthma and bronchitis," Dare said. "It won't hinder my career. Right now I'm taking medication (inhalers) for it. I can't play as long as I want to play. I just play 20 minutes a game. I play four minutes, sit and then come back in."

"It's getting a lot better. I think eventually it will erase itself," Meyers said. "Him playing seven minutes for us is like a normal person playing 30 minutes. Things he can do in certain spurts of time can turn a game around... I don't think it will be a deterrent and if it is, we'll just get him a new lung," Meyers quipped.

GW just plain got lucky discovering Dare, according to Meyers. During the last off-season, Meyers made a special one-time journey to Nigeria in hopes to recruit any potential star.

"I was just fortunate enough to go over there when they were trying out for

the junior national team, so I saw the best kids in West Africa," he said.

Meyers saw Dare trying out for the team, but was surprised to find that the then 6-11, 210-pound player still had a year of high school remaining. "I couldn't believe it. It was like finding a piece of gold laying in the grass, unpolished gold," Meyers said. He then spent the remainder of his trip trying to recruit Dare and arrange for him to attend prep school in the U.S.

Men sign two

Two local athletes have announced their intentions to play for the GW men's basketball team next year — 6-4, 190-pound small forward Vaughn Jones and 6-6, 170-pound shooting guard Kwame Evans.

Jones, out of DeMatha High School in Hyattsville, Md., was selected to The Washington Post's All-Met first team and in three years led his team to a 89-8 record. He averaged 18.5 points a game and grabbed seven boards a contest.

Evans, who played at Southern High in Baltimore, was named a first-team All-Met player by the Baltimore Sun for the last two years. He averaged 20.9 points and 7.7 rebounds per game during the course of the 1991-92 season.

Because GW has not received their letters-of-intent, the Sports Information Department could not confirm the signings.

-Holger Stolzenberg

"I thought about coming to the United States," Dare said. "A couple of schools were trying to recruit me from over there. Basically, I trusted Coach Meyers and I liked the program (at GW), so I just said 'Well, might as well try it out.'"

Meyers was a little more than

surprised to find a GW graduate at the U.S. Embassy in Nigeria. With that one contact, Dare was headed to Connecticut to attend Milford Academy.

Academically, Dare was not a very impressive student in Nigeria, according to Meyers, but when he arrived at Milford, he excelled and is now boasting a 3.4 grade point average. Dare also scored higher than 900 on his SATs.

"He had a bad rap that he was always the biggest kid in the school and academically he did just enough to get by. To come over here and to excel the way he has academically is unbelievable. It shows me the potential and the work ethic of the kid," Meyers said.

On the court, Dare has dominated high school ball, averaging 14.1 points per game, 10.2 rebounds per game and 8.2 blocks per game. He was named to the U.S. All-Stars team and started as center against the Capital All-Stars in the Capital Classic, April 9 at Cole Field House at Maryland.

In the Classic, Dare faced 7-3 center Serge Zwikker, from Potomac, Md., the biggest match-up any team has been able to mount against the Nigerian tower. Dare, however, played sparingly, scoring nine points and grabbing three rebounds (two offensive) in 16 minutes.

"You didn't really see the things he really can do in the Capital Classic game," Meyers said. "They didn't throw the ball but once inside and when he got it, he dunked it. He got all his points off of missed shots, so I think he will be an impact player eventually."

The fact that GW practically smuggled him into the country to keep him out of the public's eye and away from the bigger name colleges does not bother Dare.

"Actually I think it's a good thing for me, starting from the bottom at GW," Dare said. "It's better than going to a hyped up school."

Although people have compared him to NBA All-Star center Hakeem Olajuwon,

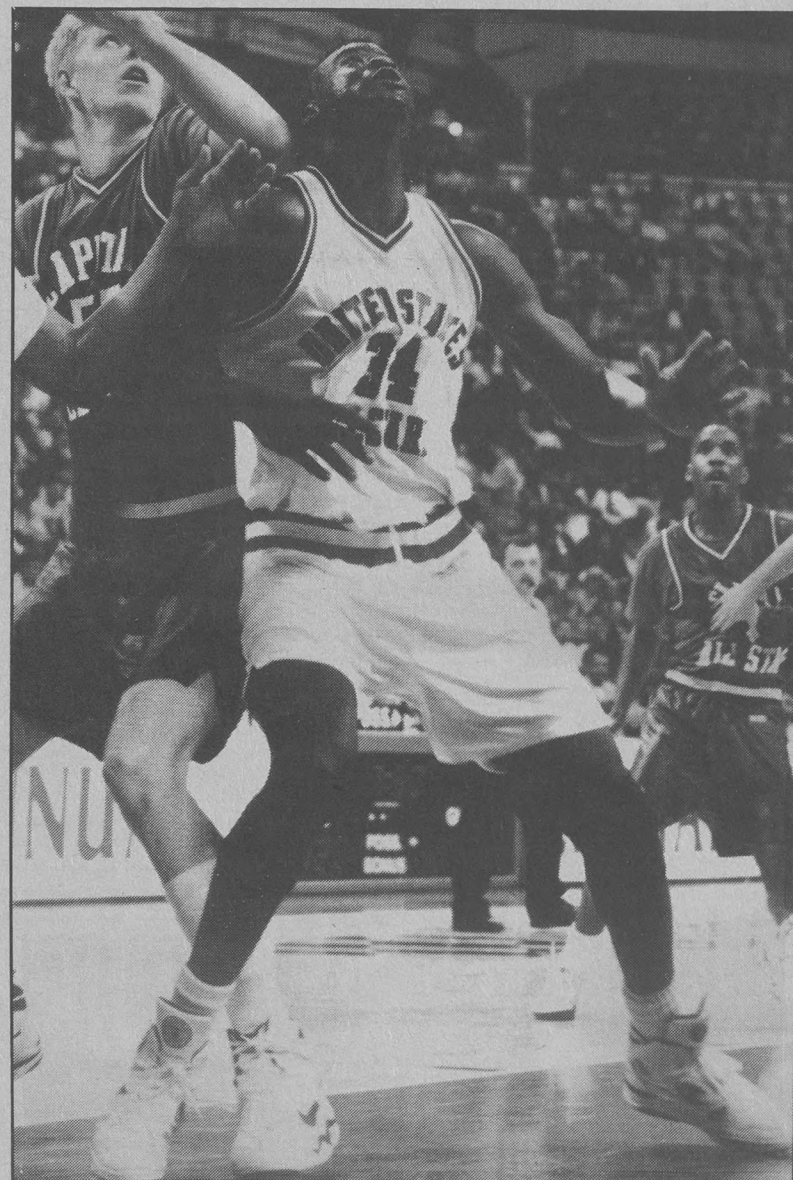


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GW recruit 7-1, 265-pound Yinka Dare displays some muscle as he walls off 7-3 Serge Zwikker at the Capital Classic.

won, it does not mean much to Dare. "I have not gotten to see him play. I've never even met him before," he said. "It doesn't bother me that I'm compared to him. It doesn't increase my play. It's just a statement."

Meyers impressively sized up Dare

and his potential. "I think he's the steal of the recruiting class this year. There is no big man in the country that potentially can do the things this man can do that's coming out of this high school class," Meyers said. "When the mental part of his game catches up to Yinka, he's going to be unstoppable."

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